

# East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in obtaining an endorsement from the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club.

Per the Club's bylaws, to be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must be a registered Democrat. All candidates must also complete this candidate questionnaire to be considered for an endorsement. Endorsements are decided by the general membership, and candidates must receive at least 60% of votes cast to be endorsed.

The deadline for questionnaires is posted on the East Bay Stonewall website (<http://eastbaystonewalldemocrats.org/Elections>). Any candidate submitting a questionnaire that is received after the deadline will not appear on the endorsement ballot. To ensure a fair process, no grace period will be granted.

Please return your completed questionnaire via Google forms by clicking submit at the bottom of this form. All form submissions are final. If you have questions, please contact Joe Greaves, EBSDC PAC chair via email at [jsphgreaves@gmail.com](mailto:jsphgreaves@gmail.com).

Email \*

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Name (First Last) \*

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

Office you are seeking? (e.g. City Council, School Board, Supervisor, etc) \*

Re-election for Mayor, City of Alameda

Jurisdiction \*

City of Alameda

District \*

N/A

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, email [eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com](mailto:eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com). \*

Yes

No

I self-identify as: (check all boxes that apply; note these identifiers will be used publicly during our endorsement process.) \*

Gay

Lesbian

Transgender

Gender non-conforming

Bisexual

Queer

Straight

Other: .....

How have you participated in East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club activities, and/or supported the Club other ways? What other LGBTQ+ organizations are you affiliated with and in what capacity? What other Democratic clubs are you affiliated with? \*

I've attended East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Pride Breakfasts, and Endorsement Meetings in the past.

Next month Alameda will host its first ever Alameda Pride weekend, and I'll be making opening remarks at the "Pride in the Park" celebration.

I am a member of the City of Alameda Democratic Club.  
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Using specific examples, please identify the causes you have advocated for and the ways you have helped advance LGBTQ+ rights or otherwise helped foster a community of inclusivity for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. \*

I'm a strong advocate for AUSD's "Everyone Belongs Here" campaign to foster an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment for all students, including LGBTQ youth. This spring, I was invited to help judge (incredible!) student entries for the 2022-23 school year's "Everyone Belongs Here" poster contest.

Our city has informally adopted this slogan which helps inform policy decisions. As Mayor, my appointments to City boards and commissions have always included members of our LGBTQ community.

My strong advocacy for renters' rights, and the need to build more affordable housing helps foster an inclusive community for LGBT individuals and families by helping insure sufficient housing for people at all income levels.

Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? \*

Yes

Which LGBTQ+ organizations and elected officials have formally endorsed you for this race? \*

John Bauters, Mayor of Emeryville  
Gabriel Quinto, Mayor of El Cerrito

Please describe a policy/goal that is part of your formal platform that benefits the LGBTQ+ community? \*

From previous response: My strong advocacy for renters' rights, and the need to build more affordable housing helps foster an inclusive community for LGBT individuals and families by helping insure sufficient housing for people at all income levels.

What makes you uniquely qualified for the office and how are you different or unique from the other candidates in your race? \*

I have a track record from 10 years in elected office of advocating for the needs of our most vulnerable residents, including unsheltered individuals and families; for working to provide housing at all income levels, but especially affordable housing and housing that is affordable by design, transitional housing for those exiting homelessness, and an assisted living facility for frail elderly homeless individuals. One of the candidates in this race, Trish Spencer has opposed the assisted living facility for three years, and voted against providing transitional housing in Alameda and expending any City funds to do so.

I've never met the third candidate who has never held local elected office.

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